

Appl. No. 10/624,406

Attorney Docket: 042390.P10735D

**REMARKS**

The above referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated February 10, 2005, in which:

- claims 1-22 stood allowed.

Reconsideration of the above referenced patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are now pending the above referenced patent application. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added.

The specification was amended to add a claim of priority that was unintentionally and inadvertently omitted. No new matter has been entered.

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**1. Examiner's Amendment**

The PTO has amended both the Title and Abstract of the application via Examiner's Amendment. Applicants consent to the amendment, but note that the amendments address minor matters of form, and, therefore, do not result in prosecution history estoppel and do not alter the scope of the claims as originally filed.

**2. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

The PTO has stated various reasons for allowance of the application. It is noted that the Applicants neither agree nor disagree with the PTO's statements as to what the cited art shows, teaches, describes, or how it is applicable to the application. Furthermore, applicants neither agree nor disagree with any of the PTO's reasons for allowance or comments therein. Therefore, these reasons do not result in prosecution history estoppel and do not alter the scope of the claims as originally filed.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all claims pending in this application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, they are invited to contact the undersigned at 503-264-7002. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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